

## **REMARKS**

This amendment to the specification and the claims is in response to the ex parte Quayle letter dated September 9, 2003 wherein it was stated this application does not comply with the Sequence Rules.

Responsive to said request, Applicants are amending this specification in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.821.

The sequence listing set forth on current specification page 19, after line 17, and on new specification page 20 contains no new matter which goes beyond the disclosure set forth in the application as originally filed.

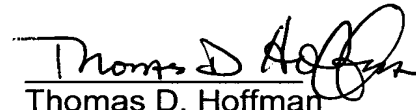
Applicants are also amending claim 41 to correct an obvious typographical error.

Entry of this amendment, which will add no new matter, is respectfully requested.

The undersigned attorney of record for the applicant hereby declares (1) that the content of the CRF of the sequence listing and the paper copy are the same and includes no new matter that goes beyond the disclosure set forth in the specification as originally filed and (2) that the undersigned is registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

If the undersigned attorney can be of any assistance in advancing prosecution, don't hesitate to call him.

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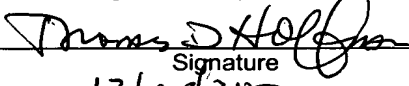
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